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Attorney Docket No. T9918

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: GARY SOHNGEN et al. )  
TITLE: INTRAMEDULLARY NAIL )  
FOR LONG BONE )  
FRACTURES )  
SERIAL NO.: 10/624,463 ) RESPONSE A  
FILED: July 21, 2003 )  
EXAMINER A. Reimers )  
ART UNIT: 3732 )

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

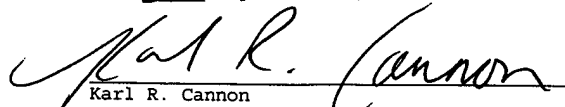
Sir:

Responsive to the election or restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 25, 2005, applicants request entry of this Response A and reconsideration of the above-captioned application.

A shortened statutory period for response of one (1) month was set for response to the Office Action. Accordingly, a Petition for a one-month extension of time and a PTO Form 2038 (credit card

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payment form) appropriate in amount to cover the corresponding fee  
are also enclosed.